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### **Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Outlines Proposal for New Delta Center Transgenic Greenhouse**

*Two Million Dollars Funded through  
The Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative*

**Portageville, Missouri-** Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced his support this afternoon for the proposed Transgenic Greenhouse at the University of Missouri-Columbia Delta Research Center in Portageville. Two million dollars would be earmarked to fund the construction of a 10,000 square foot greenhouse near the Delta Research Center office. The proposal is part of Governor Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, and would nearly double current greenhouse research facilities at the Delta Research Center.

"The Delta Research Center has proven to be a valuable resource for Missouri farmers and agriculture for many years, and I strongly support the plan for this new research greenhouse" said Lt. Governor Kinder. He added, "Governor Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative would invest in the Delta Research Center's future to build a new Transgenic Greenhouse. This two million dollar investment will return an estimated \$19 million dollars back into Missouri's economy."

The proposed 10,000 square foot research greenhouse would be used to grow and study biotech plants, allowing the facility to remain a leader in Ag research. The current greenhouses at the Center were built in the mid 1960's. The Delta Research Center consists of four separate farms, which focus on crop production and management.

“This is a great step in working to keep Missouri’s rural economy strong” said 25<sup>th</sup> District State Senator Rob Mayer. He also said, “The Delta Research Center has been helping our farmers and Missouri Ag operators stay in the lead for over 40 years from right here in the Bootheel. I’m glad that we are able to continue investing in the Delta Research Center.”

Lt. Governor Kinder served as State Senator for the 27<sup>th</sup> District in Southeast Missouri for 12 years before being elected Lt. Governor in November 2004. Lt. Governor Kinder serves on the Advisory Board for the Delta Research Center.